

REMARKS

Claims 27-43 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-26 are cancelled.

Applicant thanks Examiners Larson and Newhouse for their consideration in conducting an interview with the undersigned representative on May 31, 2007. While agreement on the pending claims was not reached, the interview was beneficial in clarifying for the Applicant Examiner Larson's position with regard to the claims as presented. In view of the position expressed by the Examiner, and in the interest of advancing the application toward allowance, Applicant has elected to cancel the pending claims and present new claims for consideration. Accordingly, the rejections of the recent Office Action are moot, and will not be addressed.

The new claims are fully supported by the specification, and do not constitute new matter. Additionally, the new claims are neither taught nor suggested by the references currently of record, either individually or in any reasonable combination.

For example, claim 27 recites, in part, "a section of tubing ... through which [a] fan is configured to drive a stream of air; and a wrist strap coupled to the section of tubing in a position to be attachable to a user's wrist" None of the art of record teaches or suggests each of the limitations of claim 27, including the limitations cited above.

For its part, claim 39 recites, "a blower strap sized and configured to be attachable to the nozzle tube [of a motorized blower], an inner surface of the blower strap having a gripping member in a position to contact the nozzle tube and prevent sliding of the blower strap along the tube; and a wrist strap sized and configured to be adjustably attachable to a user's wrist, the wrist strap having a first end attached to the blower strap at a point in a middle region of the blower strap, between first and second ends thereof, the wrist strap configured to attenuate vibrations from the nozzle tube." None of the art of record teaches or suggests a strap "configured to be attachable" to the nozzle tube of a motorized blower, in combination with a wrist strap "configured to be adjustably attachable to a user's wrist," nor is there any motivation taught or suggested in the art for such a combination.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsider of the application and timely allowance all pending claims. If Examiner Larson notes any informalities in the claims or other outstanding matters that might be resolved by telephone, he is encouraged to contact Mr. Bennett at (206) 694-4848 to expeditiously resolve such matters.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,
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